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E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: FAA ASSISTANCE TO NIGERIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

REF: (A) LAGOS 1306

(B) STATE 80043

1. THANKS FOR REF. B STATUS REPORT. WE APPRECIATE FAA'S PROBLEMS WITH MINTRANSPORT'S DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. BEFORE DISCUSSING THEM WITH MOT, HOWEVER - - IF THAT IS DESIRED - - WOULD LIKE SOME CLARIFICATION OF KEY POINTS.

2. ARTICLE VI: WE AGREE THERE IS WIDE GULF BETWEEN FAA AND MOT DRAFTS ON QUESTION OF LIABILITY. REFTEL REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF PHRASE QUOTE WHERE POSSIBLE UNQUOTE. IN CASE WE ARE ASKED, DOES THIS MEAN MOT LANGUAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF THAT PHRASE WERE DROPPED?

3. ARTICLE X: WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER FAA WANTS US TO NEGOTIATE WITH MOT ON THIS POINT. IF SO, DOES FAA WISH TO DELETE ARTICLE ENTIRELY, OR SUBSTITUTE NEW LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD REFER TO USE OF BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS? IN EVENT NEW LANGUAGE IS DESIRED, SUGGESESTED TEXT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4. ARTICLE IV: NEED CLARIFICATION OF FAA'S SPECIFIC

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OBJECTION TO PARA. B-2. OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT OFFENDING

PHRASE (QUOTE PROVIDED THAT SUCH NEW HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS ... NOT OBTAINABLE IN NIGERIA UNQUOTE) WAS STRUCK OUT AT FAA-MOT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7 (REF. A). REMAINDER OF PARARAPH, BY OUR READING, BRINGS IT INTO LINE WITH STANDARD USG REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES FOR SUPPORT STAFF PERSONNEL.

5. GENERALLY, WE ARE UNCERTAIN FROM REF (B) WHETHER FAA INTENDS TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES DIRECTLY WITH MOT OR CONDUCT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH EMBASSY. FOREGOING PROBLEMS OF INTERPREATION ILLUSTRATE DIFFICULTY IN PURSUING LATTER APPROACH.

6. INCIDENTALLY, WITH LAUNCHING OF 3RD NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1975-80) EARLIER THIS MONTH, FMG HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ESTABLISH QUOTE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION UNQUOTE DURING PLAN PERIOD. ACCORDING TO MOT DEPPERMSSEC OLOWU, THESE PLANS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON FAA-MOT NEGOTIATIONS WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION THAT A DIFFERENT PERMANENT SECRETARY MAY BE CALLED UPON TO GIVE APPROVAL. FROM PRACTICAL STANDPOINT OLOWU EXPECTS NO TAMPERING WITH RESULTS OBTAINED TO DATE. AS TO FAA ROLE IN EXPANDED ORGANIZATION, OLOWU EXPECTS THAT FAA MISSION LEADER WOULD HAVE TITLE SIMILAR TO DIRECOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND REPORT DIRECTLY TO NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY.
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